

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on April 8, 2009 at 10:31 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Sue Dickenson, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Russell Bean (R)  
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)  
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)  
Rep. Dee Brown (R)  
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)  
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)  
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)  
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)

**Staff Present:** Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch  
Marshall McEwen, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: None

Executive Action: SB 495

00:01:08 Rep. Belcourt and Rep. MacLaren joined the committee.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 495**

00:01:27 **Motion:** Rep. Bean moved that **SB 495 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:01:35 Chairman Himmelberger

00:01:53 Rep. Brown

00:02:01 Chairman Himmelberger

00:02:11 Rep. Wilmer

00:03:34 Rep. Brown

00:04:05 Rep. Dickenson

00:05:31 Chairman Himmelberger

00:07:11 Rep. Brown

00:07:45 Chairman Himmelberger

00:07:52 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bean, Rep. Boniek, Rep. Brown, Rep. Hendrick, Rep. Himmelberger, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. O'Hara, and Rep. Washburn voting aye. Rep. Hands, Rep. Phillips, and Rep. Van Dyk voted by proxy.

**Committee Business:**

00:09:02 Chairman Himmelberger

00:09:14 Rep. Hands joined the committee.

00:09:52 Rep. Belcourt

00:10:02 Chairman Himmelberger

00:10:25 Rep. Brown

00:10:58 Chairman Himmelberger

**Discussion on Redesigning Absentee Ballots:**

00:11:31 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State

**EXHIBIT**(sth77a01)

00:14:59 Chairman Himmelberger

00:15:11 Rep. Brown

00:15:53 Ms. McCulloch

00:16:00 Rep. Brown

00:16:04 Ms. McCulloch

00:16:07 Rep. Brown

00:16:19 Ms. McCulloch

00:16:41 Ms. Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division, exited the committee.

00:16:55 Rep. Brown

00:18:27 Rep. Wilmer

00:19:12 Ms. McCulloch

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00:19:25 Rep. Wilmer  
00:19:46 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:19:49 Rep. Hands  
00:21:06 Ms. McCulloch  
00:21:22 Rep. Hands  
00:21:29 Rep. Washburn  
00:22:18 Ms. McCulloch  
00:22:28 Rep. Ingraham  
00:23:14 Ms. McCulloch  
00:23:22 Rep. Brown  
00:24:21 Rep. Ingraham  
00:25:00 Ms. McCulloch  
00:25:30 Rep. Boniek  
00:26:23 Ms. McCulloch  
00:26:34 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:26:41 Rep. Hendrick  
00:27:49 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:28:13 Ms. McCulloch  
00:28:39 Rep. Dickenson  
00:30:25 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:30:35 Rep. Dickenson  
00:30:52 Rep. Brown  
00:30:55 Chairman Himmelberger

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:31:29 Adjournment: 11:02 A.M.

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Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([sth77aad.pdf](#))**